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No Worker Left Behind
www.michigan.gov/nwlb

Michigan Department of Labor
& Economic Growth
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Michigan Works! Association
25 Michigan Works! Agencies
www.michiganworks.org

Michigan Community College Association
28 Michigan Community Colleges
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For More Information

**Please contact your local
Michigan Works! Agency at
1-800-285-WORK or visit:
www.michiganworks.org.**



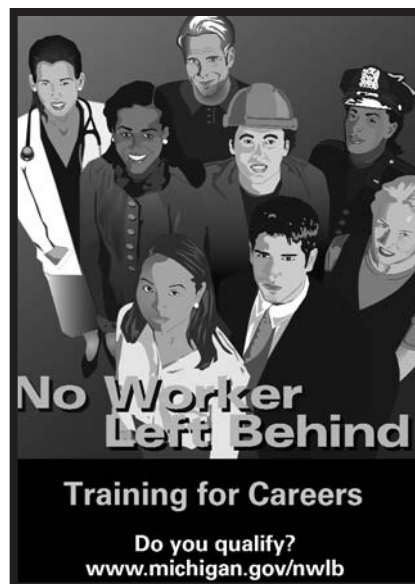
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FREE TUITION PROGRAM

- Up to two years worth of free tuition at any Michigan community college, university or other approved training program;
- A skills assessment test administered by the Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs);
- Must pursue a degree or occupational certificate in a high-demand occupation, an emerging industry or an entrepreneurship program;
- Once enrolled, participants need to complete training within four years of starting the program;
- A one-time offer; and
- Three years to sign up for the program beginning August 1, 2007.





Eligibility

- Any person who is currently unemployed; or
- Any person who has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment; or
- Any employed person whose family income is \$40,000 or less.
- Participants must be at least 18 years old, must not have graduated from high school in the last two years, and must not be full-time college students.

Tuition

- Tuition includes instructional costs, books, materials, fees (such as application costs, registration, and laboratory fees), and academic supportive services (counseling and career advising).
- Tuition assistance is capped at \$5,000 per year for two years, for a total of \$10,000 per person.

Training

- *No Worker Left Behind's* primary focus is the attainment of certificates of value or associate's degrees leading to a job in a high-demand occupation, an emerging industry, or an entrepreneurial endeavor. Completing a bachelor's or master's degree is allowable if the educational program meets all other core criteria (two years or less needed for completion, leads to a job in a high-demand occupation, emerging sector, or entrepreneurial endeavor; etc.).

- Local Michigan Works! Agencies will help participants identify high-demand occupations in their region.
- Education and training providers must be licensed by the State of Michigan and/or be accredited for participants to receive tuition assistance through *No Worker Left Behind*.

Placement

- Many *NWLB* participants will need help re-entering the workforce after they have completed coursework and earned a certificate or degree.
- MWAs will help place participants in jobs related to their newly acquired education and training by working directly with training providers and employers.

Tuition Assistance = New Career —the John Sternhagen Story

John worked in manufacturing for 31 years when his employer, Electrolux, closed its doors for good. He and his wife were raising six children and trying to put two of them through college. In his late 40s, John made the decision to continue his own education and become a registered nurse. With tuition assistance, he completed the accelerated registered nurse program at Montcalm Community College. Today, John is working full time as a nurse at Gratiot Medical Center in Alma.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for Michigan Works! and receiving tuition assistance."

